

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/965,568
Applicant : Armenag Hagop Dekmezian, et al
Filed : September 27, 2001
TC/A.U. : 1713
Examiner : Roberto Rábago

Confirmation No. 4321

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

DEC 29 2003

Docket No. : 2000U027.CIP.US
Customer No. : 25959
Paper No. : 9
Date : December 29, 2003

OFFICIAL

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

Sir:

Prior to the continued Examination of the above referenced Application, consideration of the Remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.